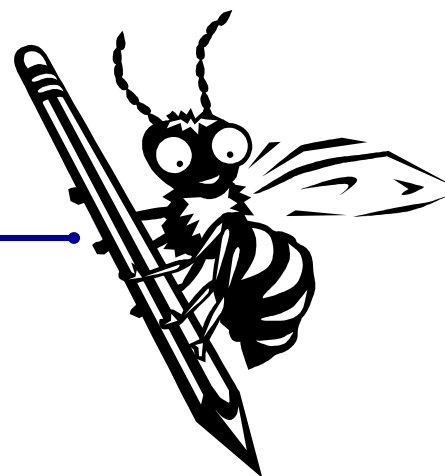


Youth Services Notes



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Family Literacy Bags

From the Reading Rockets website

Parents who read to their children everyday and talk about what they are reading together promote a joy of reading and literacy achievement. How can librarians encourage reading at home and support the role of parents as educators? One way is through the use of family literacy bags — a paired set of theme-based fiction and nonfiction books and related interactive activities that kids bring home from school to share with their family. Just assemble everything into a two-gallon zip top bag, and they're ready to go!

"Family Literacy Bags are a great idea from Reading Rockets. I love the fact that there are clear, accessible, and easy-to-understand suggestions for parents in each PDF. The activities would be fun and educational to link to any book that suits the themes, not just the ones suggested." — The Book Chook

Reading Rockets has developed a set of family literacy bags to encourage hands-on fun and learning centered around paired fiction and nonfiction books.

What goes into each literacy bag?

- Parent information sheet with an introductory note that you can personalize, instructions about how to use the packet, and tips for sharing fiction and nonfiction books with children
- Two books: one fiction and one nonfiction, selected by Reading Rockets for high quality and wide availability in libraries
- Creativity Activity: a hands-on craft project
- Imagination Activity: encourages imaginative play, writing, or drawing
- Get Real Activity: focuses on real-world experiences for parent and child
- Bookmark: lists the featured titles and alternative titles

Themes

Animals Kindergarten
Dinosaurs First grade
Environment First grade
Food Kindergarten
Folktales First grade
Music Kindergarten
Time First grade
Sleep Kindergarten
Wild Things (Where the Wild Things Are) Kindergarten
What Happens Next? (Very Hungry Caterpillar).....Pre-K and Kindergarten
Very Hungry Caterpillar and Where the Wild Things are available in Spanish

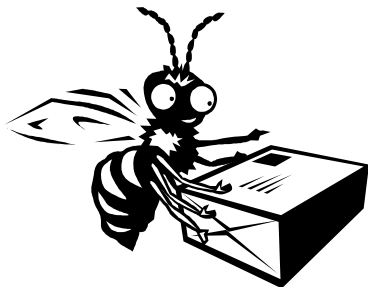
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Points of Interest

- Library of Virginia Mini Grant Applications are due March 15. Applications and information may be found at www.vpl.lib.va.us/funding/index.asp
- Winter Reading Program —A generic reading book log is available for libraries to download and use at <http://virginialibraries.pbworks.com/>
- Extra winter reading program materials are available:
 - Approximately 200 winter reading program booklogs
 - Stickers
 - Sticker Sheets—aka bunny trail
 - Book Boosters
 - Early Literacy Cards
- To see back issues of **Library Notes**, go to <http://virginialibraries.pbworks.com/>
- For anyone wondering about the issue numbers . Just remember
There are three kinds of people in the world those who can count and those who cannot.

Taken from the
Pretty Good Joke Book

from PubYac



You know how every once in a while, a storytime plan just turns out perfect. The stories, songs and fingerplays just flow right, and the kids love it. Well, I had one of those rare moments, so I thought I'd share. February 4th is Thank a Mailman Day, so I'm doing a mailman storytime all this week. Here's the plan:

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Story Hour Plan

Date: Feb 3, 2010

Theme: **Thank a Mailman Day**

Supplies: 1/2 sheets construction paper w/ holes punched around 3 sides, yarn, crayons

Plan:

Opening song - Read with me
(tune: Row, row, row your boat)

Read, read, read with me, Come and read with me

Open the pages and open your eyes, Come and read with me



Book 1 – The Giant Hug by Sandra Horning

This book keeps repeating that he/she opened their arms as wide as they possibly could and gave _____ a big hug, so I had the kids spread out their arms each time and give themselves a big hug.

Action rhyme - Letter to Grandma

Lick them, stamp them (make licking and stamping motions)

Put them in a box (extend arms outward)

Hope that Grandma

Loves them alot! (hug self)

Book 2 – Millie Waits for the Mail by Alexander Steffensmeier

This is a hilarious story about a cow who likes to scare the mailman.

Song – The People in Your Neighborhood (Sesame Street)

Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood

Oh, the mailman is a person in your neighborhood,

In your neighborhood

In your neighborhood, in your neighborhood.

In your neighborhood.

The mailman is a person in your neighborhood,

Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood,

A person that you meet each day.

The people that you meet each day.

Book 3 – Delivering Your Mail by Ann Owen

Just a simple non-fiction book

Song – Mail Carrier Song

(Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Write, write, write your cards, And lots of letters, too.

I will bring them to your friends,

And they will write back soon.

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Book 4 – Hi by Ann Herbert Scott

The little girl keeps saying "Hi" as people come into the post office, the kids in storytime had a great time saying "Hi" and waving with me.

Rhyme - Five Little Letters

Five little letters lying on a tray (extend fingers of right hand)

Mommy came in and took the first away (bend down thumb)

Then Daddy said, "This big one is for me"

I counted them twice, now there were three (bend down the pointer finger)

Brother Bill asked, "Did I get any mail?"

He found one and cried, "A letter from Gale!" (bend down middle finger)

My sister Jane took the next to the last.

And ran upstairs to open it fast. (bend down ring finger)

As I can't read, I'm not able to see

Who the last one's for, but I hope it's for me! (wiggle little finger then clap hands)

**Book 5 – Percy the Mailman by Sue Graves**

This one ends with all the school kids thanking their mailman, so I was able to end with asking the kids if they could think of a way to thank their own mailman

Craft – Mail Bags - When studying about postal workers, make mail bags using 2 pieces of construction paper. Punch holes around the edges and let children lace them with yarn. Cut the yarn long enough to have some left

I just did a similar storytime! I made a big mailbox. Then I hid envelopes all around the room with their names on them. When they found them, they had to put it in the mailbox. Then I actually mailed them to each child's home!

They were so excited to receive mail!

Here's another good song the kids love:

I'm gonna wrap myself in paper

I'm gonna dot myself with glue

Stick some stamps on top of my head

I'm gonna mail myself to you

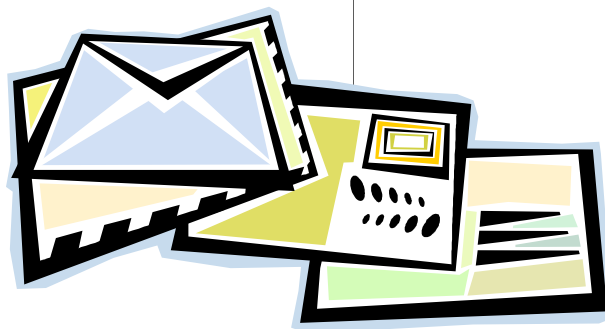
I'm gonna tie me up in a red string

I'm gonna tie a blue ribbon too

Climb up inside my mailbox

I'm gonna mail myself to you

— Betty Lawson—Wayne County Public Library PA

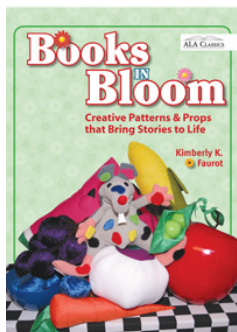
**Blog**

KidLitoshere Central: A Society of Blogger For Children's and Young Adult Literature

<http://www.kidlitosphere.org/>

The "KidLitoshere" is a community of reviewers, librarians, teachers, authors, illustrators, publishers, parents, and other book enthusiasts who blog about children's and young adult literature. In writing about books for children and teens, we've connected with others who share our love of books. With this website, we hope to spread the wealth of our reading and writing experience more broadly.

Upcoming Workshops



Bringing Your Storytimes to Life Using Puppets and Pizzazz

Presented by

Kimberly Faurot

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Abingdon - Monday, April 26, 2010

Lynchburg - Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Chinn Park - Thursday, April 29, 2010

Richmond - Friday, April 30, 2010

For more information and to register for the workshop go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> and click on date of the program. [This now open to other organizations.](#)

I am Moving, I am Learning

I Am Moving, I Am Learning, a successful initiative of the Office of Head Start Region III, reinforces the fact that being physically fit fosters healthy early childhood development and successful learning. Plus moving and kinesthetic learning is fun! During this training workshop, you will learn strategies and resources for integrating and incorporating movement and healthy nutrition choices within a preschool program and/or Head Start curricula. To register for the workshop go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> and click on the date of the program

May 3 Franklin

May 6 Lynchburg

May 11 Culpeper

May 21 Wytheville

May 25 Richmond

May 27 Woodridge

Program Swap for 2010 Summer Reading

Youth Services Forum, Region V

Thursday, March 4, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

At Salem Church Library, 2607 Salem Church Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6451

Program Swap: Bring a program idea and handouts to share for either children or teens in the 2010 Summer Reading Program. Tour the newly renovated Salem Church Library.

Registration fee is \$5 for VLA members (\$10 for non-members).

For registration forms contact: Jody Lewandowski by emailing jlewandowski@crll.org at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 1201 Caroline St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Registrations must be postmarked by February 24, 2010.



Get Crafty

Youth Services Forum, Region II

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Campbell County Public Library, 684 Village Highway, Rustburg, VA 24588

Presented by Amber Yopp, Youth Services Coordinator for Roanoke Public Libraries.

Tired of the same old crafts? Do you want some new ideas? Here are a few things you can expect to make: buttons, button rings, candy sushi and CD clocks (Bring copies of some favorite photos for making clocks.)

Registration fee \$5 for VLA members (\$10 for non-members.)

For registration forms, contact Jen Phillips at jphillips@co.campbell.va.us or 434.332.9560

Registration must be postmarked by February 24, 2010.



Upcoming Workshops

Early Childhood Development: The Foundation of Virginia's 21st Century Workforce.

March 2, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Institute for Advanced Learning and Research

150 Slayton Avenue, Danville, VA 24540

Sponsored by Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

Registration is FREE! Breakfast and Lunch are included.

REGISTER ON-LINE at http://www.vecf.org/summit_information

The purpose of the Smart Beginnings Summit is to strengthen support for strong early childhood development systems in your community and to help you build your Smart Beginnings Coalition.

Sally Green, First Vice President and COO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond,

will explain how early childhood development is workforce development, the most important kind.

Dr. Mark R. Ginsberg, Executive Director of National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC),

will share strategies for successful coalition building. NAEYC is the nation's largest organization dedicated to improving the quality and accessibility of early care and education programs for children from birth through age eight.

Several Sessions to Choose From!

Building Vision, Leadership and Momentum: 3 Smart Beginnings Stories

This panel presentation will feature leaders from three early Smart Beginnings initiatives. Each faced a different early childhood environment, multiple communities, and a host of possible partners. Learn how they convened diverse leaders around a common vision, have grown, and are achieving levels of sustainability. They will share both their missteps, lessons learned, and best ideas for coalescing an effective Smart Beginnings initiative, attracting effective leaders, and leveraging a shared commitment to growth.

Doing It Our Way: Creating Early Childhood Systems in Rural Communities

Experienced panelists, Steve Eaton and Barbara Mease will share lessons learned and strategies for overcoming common challenges in rural communities. Steve Eaton, Executive Director, Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties, Inc. and Barbara is the Executive Director, of the Children's Center, in Franklin, Virginia

Why Quality Matters: Learn About the Virginia Star Quality Initiative

Definition of quality early care and education to include the key features of high quality programs. Research shows that the quality of early care and education a child receives sets the stage for future learning and employment. Will discuss the goals, progress and benefits of the Virginia Star Quality Initiative (QRIS).

Making the Healthcare Connection

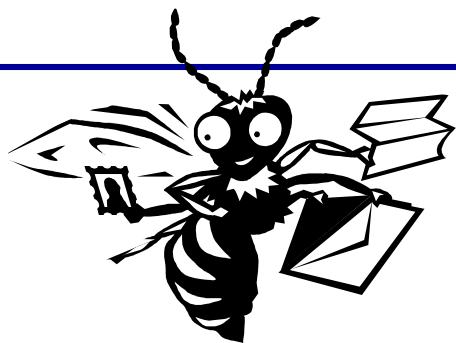
Regarding the impact of healthcare (or lack of) on school readiness. Including the importance of improved access and content of care. Examples of project models that address access and content will be explored and keys to engaging local healthcare providers will be offered to support making the healthcare connection on the local level. This session will be led by Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, M.D., FAAP, Primary Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

Collaborating to Implement Parent Education and Support at the Local Level

Barbara Newlin, Early Childhood Development Manager, City of Richmond and Catherine J. Bodkin, Resource Mothers and Gems Program will highlight strategies for increasing the availability of family support initiatives.

Learn how to Build Support for Smart Beginnings

A discussion of the Smart Beginnings brand and how to bring it to life in our communities. We will explore the different perceptions of the brand, both internally and externally, as well as ideas for working together to consistently—and effectively—spread the word about Smart Beginnings.



Notes from the Desk of the Children's and Youth Services Consultant

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Nominations

The Library of Virginia is accepting nominations to the **Youth Services Advisory Committee**. You may nominate yourself.

Applications are found at
<http://virginialibraries.pbworks.com/>

Help Wanted - Reviewers

VOYA is looking to add to our staff volunteer book reviewers for 2010. If you have an abiding interest or expertise in literature for young adults, we invite you to join us. To apply, download the Reviewer Application files at www.voya.com/Submissions/index.shtml#reviewer

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Kids! @ Your Library

Here are 10 FREE ways to take advantage of the Kids! @ Your Library toolkit this spring. For more details, visit the Kids! Toolkit by following this link—[lwww.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/initiatives/kidscampaign/kidstoolkit.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/initiatives/kidscampaign/kidstoolkit.cfm)

1. Get your kids excited about Presidents' Day! Display the latest Presidents of the United States poster and asking your kids to vote on their favorite president and keep a running tally near the poster for all to see.
2. Celebrate Black History Month with a display of notable African Americans, including authors and illustrators.
3. Let your patrons make their own Valentines! Set up a craft table with multicolored die-cut paper hearts and supplies to decorate them the week before Valentine's Day.
4. Have a drop in bingo program on Valentine's Day.
5. Invite your tweens to make Duct Tape Roses after school, using the directions in the toolkit under "Tween Friendly Programs."
6. Promote your summer reading club by scheduling a visit with your local school libraries.
7. Combine Valentine's Day with Love Your Library Day by displaying books about kids and libraries. See the tool kit for recommended titles.
8. Update your displays and bibliographies with the latest award winning titles.
9. Hold a Bookmark Design Contest for the Kids! Campaign theme of "So Much to See, So Much to Do @ your library." (See website for entry forms).
10. Promote Library Lover's Month <<http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/>> by encouraging kids and their families to express their love for the library.

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